



## State of Maryland

### Advisory Council on Mental Hygiene/Planning Council

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## MARYLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HYGIENE/ PL 102-321 PLANNING COUNCIL

### Minutes

**October 15, 2013**

**Maryland Advisory Council Members:** Gerald Beemer,  
Mike Finkle, Joshana Goga, Dennis McDowell, Joanne Meekins, Livia Pazourek,  
Charles Reifsnider, Anita Solomon, John Turner

**Maryland Advisory Council Members Absent:** Richard Blair, Jaimi L. Brown,  
Sarah Burns, Chair; M. Sue Diehl, Vice Chair; Michele Forzley, Edwin C. Oliver,  
Robert M. Pender, John Scharf, Sherrie Wilcox

Individuals highlighted as such are resigned members who have not yet been replaced.

**PL 102-321 Council Members Present:** Robert Anderson, Michael Bluestone,  
Naomi Booker, Eugenia W. Conolly, Kate Farinholt, R. Terence Farrell, Ann Geddes,  
Victor Henderson, Julie Jerscheid, George Lipman, Dan Martin, Cynthia Petion, Sarah Rhine,  
Michelle Stewart, Kathleen Ward, Phoenix Woody

**PL 102-321 Council Members Absent:** Lynn Albizo, T.E. Arthur, Coordinator;  
Chicquita Crawford, Herb Cromwell, Jan Desper, Nancy Feeley, Vira Froehlinger,  
A. Scott Gibson, Gerri Gray, Adrienne Hollimon, Frank Kolb, Michael Lang, Sharon Lipford,  
William Manahan, Jacqueline Powell, Linda Raines, Sheryl Sparer, Jane Walker

**MHA Staff Present:** Brian Hepburn, Robin Poponne, Iris Reeves

### **Guests and Others:**

Zereana Jess-Huff, ValueOptions®Maryland; Jarrell Pipkin, ValueOptions®Maryland;  
Tim Santoni, University of Maryland-Systems Evaluation Center;  
Sharon Ohlhaber, Mental Hygiene Administration;  
Jamila Johnson, Shore Behavioral (UMES); Lauren Grimes, On Our Own of Md;  
Vincent Sissom, Consumer Council Mid-Shore

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### INTRODUCTIONS/ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order by Council Member/Staff Support, Cynthia Petion. Attendees introduced themselves. The draft minutes of the September 17, 2013 meeting were approved as written. Approved minutes are posted on the Mental Hygiene Administration's (MHA) Web site at [www.dhmf.maryland.gov/mha](http://www.dhmf.maryland.gov/mha). The Maryland Advisory Council on Mental Hygiene's link is listed under "Resources".

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Kate Farinholt announced NAMI Maryland's 2013 Conference titled, "Mental Illness and Recovery: Bringing Communities Together", will be held on October 18-19, 2013 at the Sheppard Pratt Conference Center in Towson, MD. Workshops will be offered on various topics such as: accessing benefits, criminal justice and mental illness, special populations and advocacy training. Speakers at the plenary will include health, government and advocacy leaders.
- Mike Finkle shared registration information for the upcoming OOMD Summit on Behavioral Health scheduled for November 5, 2013 at The Meeting House, Columbia, MD. The summit titled, "Visionary Conversations: Information, Innovation, Integration", will include plenary discussion from federal, state and local leadership as well as sessions to enhance awareness on transition age youth, integration of mental health and substance use, peer services and criminal justice.

### THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

MHA's Executive Director, Brian Hepburn, M.D., provided the following Director's Report:

- **Federal Government Shutdown** – This could have an immediate impact on State revenues and the State's economy. Agencies will need to be prepared for cuts. MHA will recommend cuts that are invisible to consumers and stakeholder groups.
- **Behavioral Health Integration** – The Department has implemented "phase 3" of the behavioral health integration process. This includes the development of the Request For Proposal (RFP) to select an Administrative Services Organization (ASO) to administer the new Medicaid financing model as well as the merger of Mental Hygiene and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administrations that will be known as the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA). There is a final organizational chart for the BHA on the DHMH Behavioral Health website at <http://dhmf.maryland.gov/bhd/SitePages/integrationefforts.aspx>. Additionally, the Phase 3 process has included stakeholder meetings for feedback on issues related to the financing model and timelines. The last meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2013, from 10-12 at UMBC Tech Center, 1450 South Rolling Road, Baltimore, MD 21227
- **Affordable Care Act (ACA) Health Benefit Exchange** – the Maryland Health Connection, the state-based health insurance marketplace, for the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, became operational October 1, 2013. Open enrollment is through March 31, 2014. Individuals, who enroll through Maryland Health Connection before December 18, will have coverage beginning January 1, 2014. More information and updates can be found at [www.MarylandHealthConnection.gov](http://www.MarylandHealthConnection.gov).
- **Fire Arm Safety Act of 2013** (SB281, cross-filed with HB 294) went into effect October 1, 2013. This legislation addresses gun safety and violence prevention in Maryland.

*In accordance with the [Firearm Safety Act of 2013](#), individuals who are voluntarily admitted to an inpatient psychiatric facility (either state, private or acute general), for a period of 30 consecutive days or more, or involuntarily certified and retained by an Administrative Law Judge may have to surrender their firearms and will be prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm unless an individual is granted relief from firearm disqualification. DHMH makes available to persons who are prohibited from possessing certain firearms a [process to apply for relief](#) from these prohibitions.*

- **Alzheimer's Disease and Related Council** – The Governor has appointed 17 members to the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council, as designated by SB 679. The legislation, passed during the 2013 General Assembly session, creates a Council to continue the work initiated by the previous Alzheimer's Commission, including development and monitoring of the 2012 Maryland State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders. The first meeting is scheduled on November 20, 2013 at 2:00 pm at Spring Grove Hospital Center, Dix Building. The Council will be co-chaired by Dr. Hepburn and Alice Hedt, State Long Term Care Ombudsman, Maryland Department of Aging.
- **Governor's Commission on Suicide Prevention** – In October 2009, Governor Martin O'Malley issued an Executive Order (01.01.2009.13) establishing the Governor's Commission on Suicide Prevention. The Executive Order required the Commission to make recommendations and develop a two-year plan to strengthen and coordinate Maryland's services in the areas of suicide prevention, intervention, and post-vention (post suicide). The Mental Hygiene Administration will continue to lead the Commission in these areas.

**PRESENTATION – VALUE OPTIONS® MARYLAND – Zereana Jess-Huff, CEO and Jarrell Pipkin, Quality Director**

ValueOptions®, (VO) Maryland's Administrative Services Organization (ASO) for the public mental health system presented on quality management activities. These efforts include the **Quality Incentive Program (QuIP)**, which is intended to be a self-funded program that rewards providers, via a financial incentive derived from the cost of care savings, who effectively enhance the quality of behavioral health treatment outcomes through improved member engagement in community based services and reduced spending on higher levels of care. ValueOptions hosted a series of forums and webinars to engage stakeholders and promote provider participation. As of year one, forty-two (42) providers are enrolled in QuIP; 47% of all eligible QuIP consumers are attributed to a QuIP enrolled provider.

The VO discussion also highlighted the Outcomes Measurement System (OMS) Datamart that is designed to track how individuals receiving outpatient mental health treatment services in Maryland's public mental health system (PMHS) are doing over time in various life domains, such as housing, employment, psychiatric symptoms, functioning, substance use, legal system and general health. The OMS Datamart tracks trends in the system as a whole, not the progress of specific individuals. Other quality management activities include the Consumer Perception of Care Survey (CPOC), the Provider Survey, the ASO Formal Complaint Process, Provider Trainings and Audits, Program Integrity Activities, efforts to increase physician access to pharmacy data and the Maryland DataLink. The Jail DataLink Project, an effort to promote the continuity of treatment for individuals with serious mental illness (SMI) who are detained in the

detention center, is currently implemented in Baltimore City and Howard County. VO receives a daily file from the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) of all individuals that have been detained, incarcerated, or remanded. The data is matched against Medicaid eligibility, authorizations, and paid claims data and then electronically returned to the DPSCS and the CSA. The detention center medical staff utilizes the data to address medical/mental health needs of the individual. The data is also shared with the CSA who may assist in providing coordinated care while detained or upon release. For more detailed information on all quality management activities, please refer to the VO attachments, or visit the VO website at <http://maryland.valueoptions.com/>

### **COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

Update on the Behavioral Health Council Process: The Workgroup for the Behavioral Health Council identified the following next Steps to be addressed in future meetings:

- Review initial strategies identified in the Maryland's Technical Assistance Plan provided to the National Learning Community (NLC)
- Review existing models and best practices (this was done through the NLC process)
- Identify Mission and Vision Statements (needs to be reflective of Behavioral Health system)
- Implement Joint Meetings Councils (first joint meeting – December 11, 2013 in the Dix Building lower level)
- Continued exploration of common strengths and weaknesses
- Review Crosswalk/Matrix table
- Review duplicity of memberships between the Joint Council and SDAAC
- Address legislation that may affect the Behavioral Health Council
- Address Protocol/parameters for future meetings combining SDAAC and the Joint Council.
- Joint Retreat proposed for Spring 2014

The meeting was adjourned.

No Executive Committee meeting.

**\*\*Please note\*\* the meeting day and time for December's meeting has changed, the meeting will be held Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 11am in the Dix Building Lower Level Conference Room on Spring Grove Hospital Center's Campus.**

**The Agenda for the December 11<sup>th</sup> Council meeting will be posted on the Advisory's Council's web page, under the resources section, on MHA's Web site [www.dhmf.maryland.gov/mha](http://www.dhmf.maryland.gov/mha).**